

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 1569

February 1, 2020

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes county absentee ballot counting boards to begin to tabulate results of early and absentee voting at the time polls are required to close, regardless of whether voters are still waiting in line at the polls. Requires the boards to publicly announce results immediately upon completion of the tabulation.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 2-6-304(c) and (e), county absentee ballot counting boards are not authorized to total votes for any candidate until after all polls in the county are closed.
- The proposed legislation authorizes the boards to begin tabulation at the time the polls are required to close pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 2-3-201, regardless of whether voters are still in line at the polls.
- The proposed legislation alters only the timing of absentee voting tabulation, not the methodology or number of members required for individual county absentee ballot counting boards.
- No significant fiscal impact to state or local government.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner".

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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